



2015 SESSION

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BUSINESS REPORT
MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 9:00 AM
Room: 303

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 477 - Clarify offense of aiding or soliciting suicide - Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett
SB 417 - Generally revise laws on medical marijuana - Sen. Diane Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 417-Do Pass
SB 406-Tabled

(re-referred to Senate Finance & Claims)

Comments:


SEN. Scott Sales, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE
2015 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE: 3/26/15

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
CHAIRMAN, SENATOR SCOTT SALES	—	
VICE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER	—	
SENATOR DIANE SANDS	—	
SENATOR ROBYN DRISCOLL	—	
SENATOR KRISTEN HANSEN		—
SENATOR JEDEDIAH HINKLE	—	
SENATOR DOUG KARY	—	
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	—	
SENATOR MARY MCNALLY	—	
SENATOR MARY SHEEHY MOE	—	
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL	—	
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT	—	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT REQUEST

COMMITTEE: Senate Judiciary Date 3/26/15

The following committee action occurred on the above date:

Bill/Resolution Number	Do Pass	Con- cur	Do Not Concur	Committee Vote Total		Amend	Amend	Carrying Bill
				Yes	No			

1. SB417 ☒ ☐ ☐

~~2. [scribble]~~ ☐ ☐ ☐

3. ☐ ☐ ☐

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6. ☐ ☐ ☐

Committee Secretary: Brian Schindler Phone: 4618 Room# 320

Legislative Staffer: Julie Ann Benkhart Phone: 4025 Room # 126

Amendment Coordinator _____ Date _____ Time _____

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for SB417

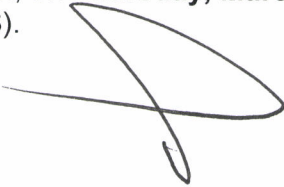
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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

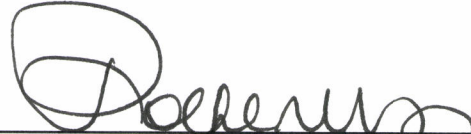
The **SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** TABLED

SB 406 - Generally revise medical marijuana laws - Sen. Robyn Driscoll

by motion, on **Thursday, March 26, 2015** (PLEASE USE THIS ACTION DATE IN LAWS BILL STATUS).



(For the Committee)



(For the Secretary of the Senate)

12:20, 3/26

(Time)

(Date)

March 26, 2015 (11:54am)

Pam Schindler, Secretary

Phone: 444-4618

MONTANA STATE SENATE
ROLL CALL VOTE
2015 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/15 BILL NO SB 417 MOTION NO. 1

MOTION:

Do Pass

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT	—		
VICE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER		—	
SENATOR DIANE SANDS	—		
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	—		
SENATOR ROBYN DRISCOLL	—		
SENATOR MARY MCNALLY	—		
SENATOR MARY SHEEHY MOE	—		
SENATOR KRISTEN HANSEN		—	—
SENATOR JEDEDIAH HINKLE		—	
SENATOR DOUG KARY		—	
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL	—		
CHAIRMAN, SENATOR SCOTT SALES		—	

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MONTANA STATE SENATE

ROLL CALL VOTE

2015 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/15 BILL NO SB406 MOTION NO. 1

MOTION:

DO Pass

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT		—	
VICE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER		—	
SENATOR DIANE SANDS	—		
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	—		
SENATOR ROBYN DRISCOLL	—		
SENATOR MARY MCNALLY	—		
SENATOR MARY SHEEHY MOE	—		
SENATOR KRISTEN HANSEN		—	—
SENATOR JEDEDIAH HINKLE		—	
SENATOR DOUG KARY		—	
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL		—	
CHAIRMAN, SENATOR SCOTT SALES		—	

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SENATE PROXY

I, Senator L. Hansen, hereby authorize Senator L. Fielder to vote my proxy before the Senate meeting held on 3/26, 2015.

Senator Signature

3/26/15

Date

Said authorization is as follows: *(mark only one)*

- ☒ All votes, including amendments.
- ☐ All votes as directed below on the listed bills, and all other votes.
- ☐ Votes only as directed below.

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Visitors Register
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26, 2015

HB 477 - Clarify offense of aiding or soliciting suicide

Sponsor: Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Ethel Byrnes	Self		X	
Harry Israel	self		X	
KRISTEN WOOD	self		X	
Janet Hess-Herbert	Self		X	
Amy Hutzler	Compassion & Choices		X	
Bonnie Kelley	compassion & choices		X	
Jeff Zeff	MFP	X		
Matt Brower	MT Catholic Conference	X		
Robert Witzel	SELF	X		
Eric Kross	Self		X	
MARIEN KEENER	Self		X	
Bonanza H. H. H. H.	SELF		X	
DAVID KING MD	"		X	
Colette Kuchny MD	self		X	
Mimi Zupanic	ACLU		✓	
Steve Kirchhoff	reason		✓	
John Meyer	self	X		
James Hammen	self		X	
Rich Barrett	SD 45		X	
Emily Bentley	SD 45 CEC		X	

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Bernice Stulc	Self	X		
Bryndley Williams	MAAS	X		
Dan Hafe	AAME	X		
Dick Pence	Billings Act con	X		
Nancy Pence	Self	X		
Ed Halland	Children, Grandchild	X		
OK "Bobby" Lane	Self	X		
Bobbie Hafe	AAME	X		
James C. Nelson	Self		X	
Thomas War	Self	X		
Robert Errichello	Self		X	
JANE MULLER	SELF		X	
Stacy Young	SELF	X		
Annie Blank	Self	X		
DAVID COOPER	SELF		X	
Barbara Woodbury	Self		X	
Jim Shaker	SELF	X		
DAN LOURIE			X	
Craig Trepton MD	SELF	X		
Robert King	self		X	
Shaune Helfert	DOR			X
Mary Douglass	Self		X	

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Sponsor: **Sen. Diane Sands**

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Additional Documents

SENATE: Judiciary

Date: 3/26/15

Bill No. HB 477

I was unable to attend today's hearing but request that you consider my written testimony. My name is Leslie Mutchler and I reside and work in Billings MT. Bob Baxter was my father. My father and several other Montanans have worked very hard to ensure the right to physician aid in dying. Now we stand to lose this right with the passing of HB 477 by the Montana House of Representatives.

I have both a personal and a professional interest in maintaining this right to choose how we die if faced with a terminal illness. I have seen several friends and family members suffer at the end of their prolonged terminal illnesses. I am a Nurse Practitioner and have also been through this process with several patients over the years. Prior to living in MT I resided in WA state, another state that allows physician aid in dying. One of the greatest comforts for many of those facing this difficult end is the knowledge that they can choose to end their life with medication if the suffering becomes more than they are able or willing to bear. This is a choice that should be left to the dying person and their trusted physician. This is a decision that is not taken lightly by either the affected person or their physician.

We do not need the government involved in this very personal matter. Our country was founded by individuals who left their homeland and founded a new nation in order to have freedom of choice. I am urging you to vote no on HB 477. Please do not create more suffering for terminally ill persons by taking away this choice.

Thank you.

Leslie Mutchler
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Billings, MT 59101